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Amusing Stories of Some Queer Experiences on the Stump.

SHERIDAN AND INDIANA TOWN

The Peculiar Character of the Honesty of Lancaster-Corwin, the Wit.

By Rufus Rockwell Wilson,

(Author of "Rambles in Colonial By-ways.") Himor has always played its part, and a large part, in our polities, and when veteran campaigners fall to talking of the veteran campageners lat to taking of the past there is sure to be forthcoming a goodly grist of stories of laughable and amusing experiences on the stump. Not a few of these stories have for their central figure the late General George A. spendy grist of atories of laughable and amuging experiences on the free for helf experiences of the control of laughable and amuging experiences of their experiences of the control of t

Excountered a Crank.

During the campaign of 1878 General Sheridan was advertised to speak in a town in Maryland, He was warned before he left the hotel that he would probably meet an old gray-haired, long-hearded, plausible-looking fellow during his stay, and that he should have nothing to do with him, for he was a crank. The man was fully described to him, and he knew him when he was accosied by him within, a few steps of the hotel. The man asked Sheridan if he might reply to his speech that evening. General-Sheridan said that he had no control over the methic and that he could not guarantee him an opportunity. The old man then asked General Sheridan if he would answer any questions during his speech, and General Sheridan replied that he would. That night there was a very large audience, and Sheridan's financial speech was received with great appliause. In the midst of it the old man stood up and said, "General Sheridan, I may be wrong, but I would like to ask you a question."

States?" 'Old man,' said cheridan, '1 will answer your question by asking you another. Suppose the government of the United States should take sou, and stamp on your forelead the words 'Daniel Webster,' suppose they should pick you up and run you through one of the great government printing presses and stamp on your back in letters a foot long 'Deniel Webster.' Now, would that make you a United States Senator?" This ended the argument.

Address That Wasn't Delivered.

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Yet another of Sheridan's amusing experiences occurred during the campaign of 15%, when he was advertised to address a big Republican meeting at Toledo. It happened that Judge West, the eloquent blind orator, was in the city at that time. The local managers invited him to be present and make a few introductory remarks. Though his health was poor, the judge promised to be on hand and, if he shad strength enough, to say a few words. He was there, but his feebleness was so apparent that the managers of the meeting almost felt ashamed that they had asked his presence. They, however, assured the judge that he would only be asked to make a very bref spread to enable them to keep their promise and not disappoint his friends. Judge West was greeted with enthusiasir, At the outset he told his hearers that he was not feeling well and the condition of his health must excuse any extended remarks. But when he got stayled in the carnestness of bis talk he forget all about

his physical troubles and entered upon a comprehensive discussion of the issues of the campaign. When half an hour had passed, Sheridan, who was seated on the platform, began to get uneasy. At the end of an hour he was flagety. Two hours passed and as the stream of elequence flowed on Sheridan showed signs of disgust. The audience, which had come to hear him, was also getting impatient, but the high respect in which the speaker was held prevented any demonstration. As the third hour was nearing its end Sheridan got up and, after putting on his ovencoat, sat down

monstration. As the third hour was nearing its end Sheridan got up and, after putting on his overcoat, sat down again. The people applated and Judge West innocently enough supposed the applates was meant for himself and took a fresh start. His strength, however, had really given out and a few inhutes after 11 clock he closed rather abrupity, saying he would discuss the subject he had just taken up some other evening, when ne was reling better.

But the people who had waited all this time to hear Sheridan were not going to be disappointed. They called for him uppoarlously, and, without removing his overcoat, he came forwait. His talk was something like this:

"Fellow clitzens: The hour is late. I was advertised to address you to-night. I came all the way from Cincinnati to do it. I want to keep my promise. But tefore I begin you must understand the situation, it is only fair to warn you that I am not feeling very well myself to-night."

Sheridan never finished the sentence. The crowd laughed itself wild. Then it promised to take the consequences of his ill-health, and for half an hour he told inimitable stories, without bothering much about their application. But the address he expected to make to the Toledo people was never delivered.

A Tale on Thurman.

The Honesty of Lancaster.

One of the amusing stories Hamilial Hamilin, of Maine, delighted to tell in Just last years had dignified and solemn Prestdent Buchanan for its hero. In 1822, when Hamilin was a Democrat, he was anneund to addrew a meeting with Buchanan in Lancaste., Pa. Simon Cambanan in Lancaste., Pa. Simon Cambanan in Lancaste. then asked General Sheridan if he would answer any questions during his speech, and General Sheridan replied that he would. That night there was a very large audience, and Sheridan's financial breach was received with great applause. In the midst of it the old man stood up and said, "General Sheridan, I may be wrong, but I would like to ask you a question."

"There are nine changes out of ten that you are wrong," replied Sheridan, "but I will answer you."

"What I wish to ask," continued the lodd man, "is this: Do you mean to say that if the government of the United States takes a piece of paper and prints on one side of it the words. This is one dollar, and under it that it is 'legal tender,' and under it that it is 'legal tender,' for all debte, customs and public dues, and on the back of it print the words. This is one dollar. Do you mean to say that that does not make it a good dollar, and as good for use as any gold or silver coin in the United States?"

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chanan, said:
"I am requested by the sergeant of police to state that there are pickpockets in the hall, that several persons in he audience have had their pocketbooks stolen, and to ask you to be on the watch

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raper men with me and I sent one of them to see Robinson, the manager of them to see Robinson, the manager of the circus, and ask him if he would not divide his time with me. This newspaper man was a lice fellow, but he was not a diplomat; he went and came back and told me he had seen Robinson, and Robinson sale he did not care ablanketyblank for McCreary, and that McCreary could speak when he pleased. That he was bere to manage his show and he was going to manage it.

"What did you tell him?" sald I,

"I told him that Mr. McCreary was in town, and was advertised to speak and that he would like to divide time with him,

""Old you tell him that I was a can-

"'Did you tell him that I was a can-didate for Governor and that I was a Democrat?"
"No, I did not," replied the newspaper

Democrat?

"No, I did not,' replied the newspaper man.

"Well, you come with me,' said I, 'and I will show you how to get along with the circus,' We then went out and the newspaper man pointed out Robinson. He was standing with a number of circus employes around him. I stepped up to him, took off my hat and bowed very low and asked if I had the honor of addressing Mr. Robinson, the influential and distinguished citizen of Cincinnati, who had done so much for the Democratic party. He replied that he was the man. I then went on: 'Mr. Robinson, I am glad to have the honor of meeting you. I have been sent by Governor McCreary, the candidate of the Democratic party for Governor in this State, to give you his regards and to request that inasumen as he knows of your services to the party, and as he is to speak here to-day, to ask that you will arrange, if possible to let him know at what time he can high his meeting so, as not to confiler with your celebrated show. Governor Mecreary, Mr. Robinson, has a very high opinion of you, and he withes to oblige you.'

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much, and I would like to see him. Take me and introduce me to him.

'Well,' continued McCreary, 'I could not introduce myself to hun after that harangue in the presence of those circus men, but my self-possession did not leave me, and I said!

"All right, Come along. I will take you to him."

"With that I took him to my room and as soon as we got inside I shut the door. Robinson looked all around and asked!

"But where is the Governor?"

"I rose to my full height, put one hand on my breast and held out the other to Hobinson.

"Mr. Robinson,' said I, as I took his hand, 'let hie make you acquainted with tovernor McCreary, of Kentucky. And with that I patied my chest with the other land and bowed. Robinson laughed, and said that he would do anythigs he could in his power to heip along my meeting. He started his procession and brought it around to the courthouse, and there made the men and winen get on their hornes afic go inside and listen to the speece. The result was that the whole crowd went with them and I had an immense andence. The only trouble I had as to the circus spectators was that they applauded whenever I made a pause and often cheered at the wrong time. At the close of my speech Robinson handed me a handful of circus (levets and told me to come to the show and bring my friends. That same night there was a Prohibition orator is town, and I asked him if he was going to speak against the circus. He replied that his audience would be men of principle and that he was not afraid of the circus. I dropped into his hall that night and his crowd consisted of two old women and a boy."

Codwin, the Homely Wit.
No article dealing with the humors of
the stump can emit reference to Tom
Corwin, of Ohio, who, in homely and telling wit, and the power to use it, had equal among the popular orators of his time. Here is a stery of Corwin, which President Garfield told to Private Dal-

ing wit, and the power to use it, had no equal among the popular orators of his itime. Here is a stery of Corwin, which President Garfield told to Private Dalzell, and which the latter passed on to the present welter. "Corwin once told me, said Garfield, "how he got into Congress the first thme. When nominated he had no delection, but he went out to canvass on horseback through the act tlements of the Ohio frontier and solicit vates. His competitor was almost sure of election, for the district was strongly with his party. One night Corwin stopped at a log hut, where the family ate, siept and lived in the only room in the house, after the simple habits of the day. The occupant was a Democrat, and Corwin said he never dreamed of getting his vote. But that night, as they gathered around the fireside, he asked the fellow if he knew his competitor. "Well," remiled the farmer, "I rather guess I do-I will never vote for him." This was a sensation to Corwin. He was now on trail of something that might prove beneficial in his canvass—something that he might use at his next meeting to ast the house in a roar. 'May I ask your reasons for not voiling for him?' said Corwin. I am sure he is a good old Locofoco. 'I don't care for that,' replied Tom's host, he can never get my vote. No man that ways a woman's gown of nights can have my vote. This the old fellow said as solemnly as possible, and without a smile. Tom's quifely panetration took the point, and with a yisage heavy with mock gravity, while he was choking back a laugh that the comic situation provoked, Tom said: He wears a woman's gown, does he, eh? Eh! Just think of it! A pretty candidate to Congress. 'Yes,' said the old lady, who sat knitting in the chimney corner, and, raising her spectacles, she looked up from her knitting, and in a solemn tone, said: 'Yes, Mr. Corwin, that be the God Almighty's truth, if my old man ever toid the truth in his life. I see him put on that dratted gown, and if you believe my, it had a till as being as my gown, too, and the old lady

out to see what it was. And I'll be goll-darned if it wasn't a woman's shirt, with a tail a mile long, and into it he clim and popped into bed, and just looked like an old woman for all the world. I'll never vote for no such man!"

Corwin had it. He slept little that night. Next day he went forth on his errand of drumming up a crowd for his might meting. At the meting he opened thus: "My friends, it was thought there was no issue in this campaign. I know my opponent claims there is none." But I tell you there is. It is a very solemn one. too; it is the shirt-tail issue." And thon he went on amu peals of laughter to tell the story, and carried the crowd with him. Night after night he told that yarn to crowds, who serenaded it with yells of laughter. He carried the district and went to Congress.

"While Toin Corwin was telling that very story," said Garfield to Dalzell, "and just as he reached the climax and was on his feet veciferating that comical apeech about the shirt, his head dropped a little, his countenance turned ashy, and he started to fall, but I caught him in

a little, his countenance turned ashy, and he started to fall, but I caught him in my arms, and so Tom Corwin died." RUFUE ROCKWELL WILSON.

WARRENTON, VA.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch)
WARRENTON, VA., August 6.—Mrs.
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Miss Fannie Bsockenbrough Smith, who has been visiting Miss Mildred Shackelford in Culpeper county, has returned. Mrs. Stewart Jamieson, who has been visiting in Winchester, has returned to her home.

Mr. Bohinson Moncure, of Stafford country.

Mrs. Stewart Jamieson, who has been visiting in Winchester, has returned to her home.

Mr. Robinson Moncure, of Stafford county, has removed to this city to open a law office.

Rev. W. J. Morton, rector of Christ. Church, is visiting in Fredericksburg. Messrs. Begandin McBurnoy and David Hulfish have returned from a two-weeks visit to Atlantic City.

Mrs. V. Johnston, now of New York City, is visiting his old home in this city.

Miss Neille Wattles is at Capen Springs for a month.

Mrs. O. P. Angelo has gone to the Chalaybeate Springs.

Frof. Angus Crawford, of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, is spending the month of August on the coast of Maine.

Mrs. C. F. Deadoll and son are visiting in Front Royal.

Miss Emma diertrude Tapp is visiting relatives in Culpeper county.

Mrs. M. B. Rains is spending a few weeks at Round Hill.

Mr. J. R. Calon, candidate for the Democratic nomination for the licutenant-seivemorship, is attending the annual meeting of the State Bar Association at 110t Springs.

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